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SUBJECT: JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING; SUMMARY COMMENTS

ALSO FOR NRC

1. IN MISSION'S VIEW, DECISIONS TAKEN BY JUNE MEETING
OF THE BOARD WERE FAVORABLE TO USG INTERESTS AND OF A
NATURE REFLECTING SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE ON PART OF
BOARD MEMBERS. THIS WAS THE MORE GRATIFYING CONSIDERING
THE FACT THAT MOST DELEGATIONS AND THE AGENCY ITSELF
WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE NPT REVCON UNTIL A FEW DAYS
BEFORE THE BOARD CONVENED, RESULTING IN HASY AND BELATED
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS DURING THE BOARD AND THE
DISRUPTION OF THE BOARD'S USUALLY WELL-ORDERED PROCEDURE.

2. WHAT MADE THESE RESULTS POSSIBLE WAS THE TRADITIONAL IAEA SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND ACCOMMODATION AND AN EAGERNESS TO ACHIEVE AND ABIDE BY CONSENSUS DECISIONS, PLUS ENERGETIC EFFORTS ON PART OF SOME MISSIONS, NOTABLY U.K. AND U.S., TO ENCOURAGE THIS SPIRIT. RESULT WAS THAT SOME ISSUED WHICH HAD GENERATED MUCH CONTROVERSY AT A&B COMMITTEE, SUCH AS STAFFING OF AGENCY AND OF SAFEGUARDS DIVISION IN PARTICULAR, AND OF SETTING OF A TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, WERE RESOLVED CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPONSIBLY AS WERE OTHER POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME

QUESTIONS; E.G. DESIGNATED SEAT ISSUE. APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SWISS SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH ONLY TWO OR THREE DAYS IN WHICH TO STUDY TEXT WAS REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF WILLINGNESS OF BOARD MEMBERS TO GO THE EXTRA MILE TO MEET NEEDS OF A MEMBER STATE.

3. JUNE 1974 BOARD TOOK PLACE IN SHADOW OF INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION; JUNE 1975 BOARD PROCEEDINGS ON THE OTHER HAND, REFLECTED THE DISCUSSIONS AND FINAL DECLARA-TION OF THE NPT REVCON, AND THEIR STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF THE POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME AND THE AGENCY'S ROLE IN IT. ON NUMBEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE MEETING, THE FINAL DECLARATION WAS INVOKED BY SPEAKERS (USSR, CANADA, PHILIPPINES) CALLING FOR AND ALLUDING TO SPECIAL FUNDS FOR TA TO PARTIES TO NPT, AND BY SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PNE ADVISORY GROUP. REPS OF SEVERAL OF THE 12 STATES NOT PARTIES TO NPT MADE ONLY BRIEF STATEMENTS FOR RECORD OBSERVING THAT AGENCY'S FOUNDATION IN STATUTE, NOT NPT. LATIN DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, DID NOT ADDRESS POINT AND IN FACT SCARCELY PARTICIPATED AT ALL IN BOARD DISCUSSION.

4. REMINDERS WERE GIVEN TO BOARD THAT CERTAIN ISSUES, BY NOW "HARDY ANNUALS" REMAIN ALIVE. INDIAN REP (MEHTA) AND PAKISTANI REP (KHAN) RECALLED BOARD'S DECISION IN 1971 TO RE-EXAMINE METHOD OF FINANCING OF AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES "AFTER 1975". REP OF TURKEY (BASSOY) MADE BRIEF ALLUSION TO DESIRABILITY OF FINANCING TA FROM REGULAR BUDGET (A CONCEPT TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO DONOR STATES). ANOTHER PROBLEM WHICH REMAINS TO BE SETTLED IS QUESTION OF PROCEDURE OF SEAT DESIGNATION BY OUTGOING BOARD. SOLUTION WILL NOT BE MADE ANY EASIER BY CHANGES IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP IN SEPTEMBER AND BY TURNOVER IN STAFFS OF SOME KEY MISSIONS (E.G. U.K., FRG). RESULTS OF THIS BOARD MEETING, HOWEVER, ARE ENCOURAGING AS EXAMPLE OF HOW BOARD CAN PERFORM RESPONSIBLY UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.TAPE

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